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SIRS:

Responsive to the OA of 5/19/04, please amend the above as follows:

Claims 1-17, cancel without prejudice

Add claims 18-34, appearing in Appendix A-F attached hereto.

REMARKS

Claims 18-34 are in the application, replacing claims 1-17 which were cancelled to expedite prosecution. Claims 18-34 were drafted to avoid any Sec. 112 problems to and overcome the Section 103 rejections over Lakshminarayana 5,933,540 and Avinash 6,208,763. As now presented, it is believed that claims 18-34 are in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner questioned Page 14, lines 9-15 as being unclear. What is meant there is that we have defined a line of pixels, such as one containing 7 pixels disposed in a line, with the mode being defined as the angle at which the line is positioned. From the line of pixels the center pixel is selected for analysis, that is the "pixel of interest". The problem may have arisen from the use of the terminology "one dimension"; but, as can be seen, what is intended is that there is line or string of pixels, with the pixel

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